CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

The high school reporters are here again with the latest Carver Highlights.

The Student Council held its weekly meeting. Trooper Pearson of the State Police force gave a very interesting and instructive discussion on "Student Safety Patrol." Other topics for discussion were: the selection of the school colors, sponsoring socials, establishing a student court, and sponsoring a talent show. It was voted that the socials be held every other Friday night. The admission fee will be 25 cents, and a pass may be purchased for $1.25.

School colors were selected by the popular vote in assembly last Tuesday. The colors are Maroon and Gray.

The New Homemakers held their meeting February 6, with Gertrude Mickle presiding. They discussed plans for the annual "Mother and Daughter Banquet" to be held in April. They also discussed plans for the annual "Blue and White Ball."

The Science Club is ordering emblems. The club is planning a tour to the Lynchburg Water Supply Plant and the Chemistry Laboratory of Virginia Seminary in March. Each member is looking forward to attending the annual Science Talent Search Contest in April to be held at St. Paul Polytechnic Institute.

We have seen two very interesting pictures lately. One, "Historic Virginia," presented by a representative of an oil company, and the other an educational picture entitled "Wheels Across India."

A drive to get 100 per cent participation in the chest X-Ray was started by the Science Club. Last Friday an instructive paper on Tuberculosis and its symptoms was given by Charles Jeffries. Another important feature on the program was an interesting talk on Negro History Week by Lelia Mozee.

The Glee Club left this morning for Roanoke to participate in the Regional Music Festival, competing with other choral groups in this locality. The group will also sing at P. T. A. meeting on February 28, at Carver High. They tell us they really sing!

Last week the Juniors gave a Valentine Party in the Home Ec. Department. You should have seen Leslie Wheeler, Leon Lawing, Edna Williams, and Nannie Wheeler dance. We always enjoy dances because we have Herb Lance, Louis Jordan, Larry Darnall, Paul Williams, and many others accompanying us.

February 20, the Seniors opened their club meeting with a discussion on an educational trip. It was suggested that we take a trip to Washington or Hampton Institute. Both places sound interesting. A committee was appointed to find out more about the expenses of each place. They are Crater Pankey, Leon Lawson, and Curtis Marshall.

Senior boys will look swell in the dark suits they are talking about for graduation.

Valedictorian this year is Bessie Williams. She is a very worthy student, and expecting great things from her in the future. She will matriculate at Morgan State College in Maryland.

Salutatorian is Crater Pankey. She's another promising Senior.

Third Honor Student is Margaret Reed. Incidentally, all girls. Boys, where are you.

Fourth Honor Student is Roberta Mcguinnan. They are getting busy for commencement addresses and their glorious day.

Interesting plans are in formation for the Senior Class Night exercises. Our Seniors must have the philosophy, "The early bird catches the worm."

For this week we leave this thought: "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

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How to Get That Homework Done

Miss Gilbert, our grammar school principal, spoke the other night at the regular Parent-Teachers' meeting, on getting children to do their homework when they want to listen to the radio.

"We mustn't give them a flat 'no'," Miss Gilbert said, "If we adults *really* believe in tolerance and moderation, we should instill these qualities in our children. Listening to the radio is fine—in *moderation*—as long as homework gets done, too."

From where I sit, the lady was dead-right. This radio vs. homework problem is a wonderful way to see to it that our youngsters acquire the sensible moderate habits they'll need later on.

I've never believed in hard and fast rules—except where absolutely necessary. Let the other fellow do as he likes, as long as he's temperate and tolerant. Guess that's why I've never felt we should quarrel with the fellow who is partial to a glass of beer—the "Beverage of Moderation."

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Tomorrow a scientist may announce that those ancient Chinese doctors had something when they prescribed the ashes of earthworms to grow retreads on bald heads. If he does, you may be sure the group won't be at all surprised —that is, other scientists who are probing excitedly into the secrets of primitive medicine. No matter how bizarre, nothing would surprise them now after the discoveries they have already made.

In a hundred laboratories from the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, to Western Reserve university at Cleveland, and the California Institute of Technology, scientists are brewing remedies from the recipes of Indian medicine men of the southwest, Chinese herb doctors, wild tribesmen of Ecuador and Brazil, and the witch doctors of interior Africa. Too, they aren't forgetting the folk remedies long in use in the Cumberlands, the Ozarks, rural areas of Quebec, and other backwaters of our own civilization.

Discoveries Important

From these researchers, a number of important discoveries have already been made and science believes itself on the threshold of others just as important.

For instance, the Indians were right when they prescribed sumac for flu—it does attack that virus. Those Australian bushmen, the Canadian Indians, and court physicians of feudal France who put such strong reliance on mandrake root may merely have been a few centuries ahead of their time. At least, men at microscopes in the austere halls of the national cancer institute at Washington find the root effectively checks cancer in mice and look ahead hopefully to the unpredictable finding that may foreshadow. And balsam bark, that perennial cure-all among primitive people, is chalking up such baffling cures for a variety of diseases that it is fast becoming the darling of the test tube set.

Although current scientific excitement is now spurred by the miracles wrought by penicillin, the mold used for centuries by European peasants to treat wounds—the history of civilized man's adoption of primitive remedies is not new.

Possibly, the greatest of all the discoveries of the Spanish colonists in South America 300 and more from this bark that we get quinine, years ago was cinchona bark. It is the specific which has aided us to control malaria, the greatest killer of all.

However, the Peruvian natives and even our grandparents didn't limit their use of quinine and the bark from which it is made to treatment of malaria. They used it for muscle cramps, as a tonic, to break up colds, to treat iritis, and for almost any ailment afflicting them for which they had no specific remedy. To all of this the doctors of a generation ago offered a not too polite "Pooh-pooh."

Blooms With Tributes

But in recent months and years, the dignified medical journals have bloomed with tributes to the drug and agree that those wild Peruvian tribesmen knew their medicine.

In the American Heart Journal, Drs. Moss and Herrman assure us that quinine stimulates the heart to carry away wastes and thus relieves muscle cramps. In Clinical Medicine, Dr. L. A. Curley reports on success in treating iritis with quinine and aspirin but admits bafflement at how it works.

As to colds, no one yet has found an explanation as to what it does or how but quinine has been an ingredient of the more popular cold cures for decades and many a modern mother follows her grandmother's lead in administering it at the first sign of a sniffle.

So if you believe it helps your rheumatism to carry a buckeye in your left hip pocket, don't let the sneers of your friends deter you. It may be that you are right—at any rate there is a growing legion of scientists who have quit sneering at any folk remedy no matter how far-fetched.

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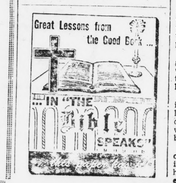

Wispy Fleece, Seen on Rivers, Really Is Steam

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—That Wispy Fleece seen on rivers and which looks like real steam—is real steam, according to a physics teacher.

Mothers who tell their children, when asked, that what they see is not steam, are all wrong, according to this teacher.

There's an explanation for this phenomenon says Manfred Olsen, head of the physics department at Milwaukee State Teachers college. In fact, there are two of them—one for any body of water that steams in cold weather, and a special, additional one for the Milwaukee river.

"It's simply because cold air can't hold as much water as warm air," Olsen says. "So the water that evaporates from the river condenses in tiny droplets on specks of dust in the air. That's the steam you are coming off the river."

Just how much water vapor can be carried in the air at certain temperatures is shown in a chart called the vapor pressure table. At 32 degrees, which is freezing temperature, water vapor pressure does not quite reach a pound per square inch.

Pressure Goes Up

At 212 degrees, which is the boiling point of water, the pressure goes up to 15 pounds per square inch. At zero temperature, the air can hold only one-sixth the amount of water it holds at 32 degrees.

When a body of still water, such as a pond, starts freezing, here's what happens.

The top layer of water gets cold first. But as water gets colder, it also gets heavier, up to a certain point. That point is 39.2 degrees. When the top layer of water reaches that temperature, it sinks to the bottom of the pond and the next highest layer goes to the top. That, too, reaches 39.2 degrees eventually and sinks.

When the whole pond reaches 39.2 degrees, the top layer then freezes up. The top layer of water stays on top because water gets lighter as its temperature goes down below 39.2 degrees. And that's why water freezes from the top down instead of the bottom up.

Special Reason

Now, the special reason for steam on the Milwaukee river. It is the relatively hot water that pours into the river from the Commerce St. plant of the electric company.

According to company engineers, the plant takes in an average of 100,000 gallons of water from the river every minute of the day. This water is used to condense steam in the power plant, and then is discharged back into the river through a conduit about nine feet in diameter. The used water temperature is about 60 degrees, which is at least 20 degrees higher than the regular river water temperature.

Colored Dots

An appreciative crowd attended the play given by the Zion Baptist Young Peoples' Club under the direction of Mrs. George Smith last Sunday at 8 P.M. at the Galilee Baptist Church. The Mt. Airy Five, under the direction of Deaster Johnson added to the effectiveness of the program. The offering was lifted by Deacons Albert Johnson and George Smith.

The public is invited to regular preaching services this Sunday at the First Baptist and the Promise Land Churches.

A special fellowship service will be held at the Galilee Church the first Sunday in March at 8 P. M.

The Divine Gospel Singers, of Lynchburg will render a program at Mount Shiloh Baptist Church on the first Sunday in March at 3 P. M.

A community sing will be held at Promise Land Church on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 P. M. The program is sponsored by the Appomattox Co. Advisory Board, under the direction of County Agent G. L. James. The group from Farmville, Va. will introduce the program. The admission will be free. Come and enjoy an evening of fun.

The Mount Obed Baptist Church will sponsor a program for the benefit of the Health for Victory Club this Sunday at 3:30 P. M. The Triad Choir under the direction of Mrs. Wyatt will render special music. The ladies of the church have arranged a program.

The Canaan P. T. A. will present a program at the Canaan Church Sunday at 8 P. M.

Miss Marie Hanely, a member of the Carver High School faculty, became the bride of Peter C. Flood, a student of Virginia State College and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Flood, in Baltimore on Saturday, February 11. The Rev. C. C. Cooke, brother-in-law of the groom officiated.

Banks were closed yesterday holiday being George Washington's birthday.

William and Mary and V[illegible] get bids for Southern Conference basketball tournament.

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[illegible]ecause of the immensity of the [illegible]ls and rock gorge and their un[illegible]ualled beauty as well, more and [illegible]ore tourists each year are discov[illegible]ring one of America's scenic won[illegible]ers. The visitor will soon learn of [illegible]he legend of Lover's Leap, a rug[illegible]ed rock face more than 700 feet [illegible]bove the creek bed. Preserved in [illegible]ory and song, it tells of the tragic [illegible]ove of an Indian girl for a brave [illegible]f an enemy tribe. When they learned [illegible]hey could not wed because of [illegible]heir father's refusal to give his con[illegible]ent both ascended to this highest [illegible]eak and at dawn leaped to their [illegible]eath.

[illegible]he Natural Tunnel is enroute for [illegible]ists or South bound travelers on [illegible]U. S. 23 and is just a short drive [illegible]rom U. S. 11 for East-West traffic [illegible]through this section of Virginia. In [illegible]the area are emple picnic grounds [illegible]camping sites, plus other facili[illegible]ties for visitors. Appropriate re[illegible]corded music drifts into the chasm [illegible]as speakers around the rim to [illegible]add further enjoyment to the splen[illegible]dor of this handiwork of time.

[illegible]. S. envoy says there will be no [illegible]ings on loans to Tito.

[illegible]ing Crosby asked to attend the [illegible]ent Royal stadium ceremony this [illegible]ning.

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EARLY SEEDING OF SPRING OATS IS ADVISED

Early seeding of spring oats is being recommended as a yield-upping practice for farmers in Piedmont and West of the Blue Ridge.

Ed Ehulkcum, assistant agronomist for the Experiment Station at V. P. I., says spring oats should be seeded about 30 days before the date of the last killing frost. Although they can be seeded up until the date of the last killing frost, every day's delay can in some cases mean a loss in yield of one bushel per acre.

Clinton and Benton are the recommended spring oats in Virginia. None are recommended for Eastern Virginia.

Other than Seed at the rate of 2 1-2 bushels per acre, and apply 100 to 500 pounds of a complete fertilizer.

BLUEBERRY CULTIVATION EXPANDS IN VIRGINIA

Blueberry plots - designed to explore the possibilities of commercial cultivation in Virginia - are being enlarged this year on the farms of cooperators.

Bruce Aroian, associate horticulturalist for the Extension Service at V. P. I., says five of the high-yielding "rabbit eye" varieties have been added to plantings on the farms of George Trader, Jr. and of Wilson Wessels, near Parksley. The "rabbit eye" varieties also are good for processing. The two farmers have been growing blueberries commercially the last year.

Aroian said interest is increasing in small fruit cultivation in the state, and that progress on the demonstration farms has been good.

IRRIGATION INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN VIRGINIA

Boosting nature's sometimes spotty water supply with irrigation is an increasingly important farm practice in Virginia.

And J. A. Waller, associate agricultural engineer at V. P. I., believes more and more farmers will turn to irrigation as an insurance for their crops.

In a recent survey of irrigation systems in Virginia, Waller found that:

There are 90 irrigation systems in use in Virginia; 18 permanent and 72 portable. In addition, there are about 1,000 rotary head garden hose units.

The permanent type generally is used on relatively small areas of garden vegetables. Most of these systems are found near the larger centers of population such as Danville, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chiranoke and Washington. There are about 156 acres irrigated by this method.

The portable type of irrigation is found almost entirely in the Norfolk and Eastern Shore truck farming areas. Northampton County leads all Virginia counties with 38 systems watering 3,300 acres of land. Accomac is second, with 20 systems irrigating 1,800 acres. Princess Anne is third with four systems irrigating 700 acres. Total number of acres irrigated in this manner is 6,600.

Waller reports that Eastern Shore farmers, facing a growing scarcity of water suitable for irrigation, are developing ponds and lakes in an "interesting" way. They build an earth dam, except for about 25 feet in the middle, across the upper end of the creek, let the tide go out and then complete the dam to trap the rising fresh water.

Over the rest of the state many farmers are building farm ponds to store water for all farm purposes.

Danville wins approval for low rent housing.

Livestock total rises 1 per cent in Virginia.

VOLUNTEER FIRE CO. DANCE AT BUCKINGHAM

The Buckingham County Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a George Washington birthday party and dance in the Buckingham Central High School on Friday night, from 9 until 1. There will be music by an orchestra. The event is for the benefit of the firemen's building fund.

Campbell County gave a freight carload of corn to the CROP drive.

Three killed in accident on Route 40.

Legislature passes rent decontrol bill.

Today's British election expected to be close.

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